

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17 of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 5-7 illustrate a container 40 in accordance with a second exemplary embodiment of the invention. Reference numerals in FIGS. 5-7 that are identical to those in FIGS. 1-4 indicate related elements. Container 40 has a sidewall 42 that extends between a shoulder 44 and a base 46. Sidewall 42 is similar to sidewall 20 in FIGS. 1-4, except there are ~~six~~ eight longitudinally extending circumferentially spaced channels 26a-26h, and five circumferentially continuous axially spaced channels 28a-28e. The geometries of and relationships between the longitudinally extending and circumferentially extending channels in the embodiment of FIGS. 5-7 are the same as in the embodiment of FIGS. 1-4.